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SUBJECT: OUTREACH FOR IRAN UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW SESSION

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Classified By: Political Minister-Counselor Robert S. Luke per reasons  
1.4(b) and (d).

¶1. (C) Embassy Poloff met January 27 with MOFA Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs Division's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Officer-in-Charge Tomoko Ohnishi to deliver reftel demarche seeking Japan's support for U.S. recommendations for the UN Human Rights Council's February 15 UPR for Iran. Ohnishi said that Japan planned to comment and make recommendations on Iran during the UPR but that the specific content of the GOJ's recommendations had not been finalized. She said that the explanation of the U.S. position and plans would be helpful in that regard.

¶2. (C) Ohnishi mentioned the ongoing Japan-Iran Dialogue on Human Rights and that a meeting scheduled for the week of January 25 had been postponed at Iran's request. Discounting any broader political motivation for the postponement, she said that Iran's delegation was relatively new to the Human Right Dialogue portfolio and may have needed more time to prepare. However, she did note that no new date has been scheduled.  
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